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# CARMEL OBSERVER



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## Crime Watch Coordinators and Block Captains:

October is designated as National Crime Prevention Month. Be mindful of what goes on in your neighborhood. Note suspicious people and vehicles and call police to check it out. Simple things like closing the garage door, not leaving valuables in your car, and turning on your lights at night can help. Remember that criminals, especially burglars, look for opportunities.

## Crime Stoppers Shred-It Day

Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana is partnering with Shred-it® to help citizens protect themselves from identity theft. Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the world.

One of the most important things you can do to protect yourself from becoming a victim of fraud and identity theft is protect your personal information in a secure place, not your vehicle or other easily accessible locations. When these documents are no longer needed it is extremely important to dispose of them properly.

On October 24, 2009 for a tax deductible donation of \$5 per box, you can watch as your documents are instantly destroyed by one of the giant Shred-it® high speed, cross cutting machines. All proceeds will be donated to the Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana, a not-for-profit organization working with your law enforcement agency to solve serious crimes in your community.

You can take advantage of this opportunity by bringing your old documents to the Community Shred Day on **October 24, 2009 from 10:00 AM – to 1:00 PM at the Carmel Police Department.**

You may also bring prescription medications you no longer need. Law Enforcement officers will be on site to collect them and properly dispose of them to protect our environment!

## Trick-or-Treat Hours



The hours for trick or treaters will be from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please go over the following safety tips with your children to assure that everyone has a safe and fun Halloween.

- Always use the “Buddy System”. Trick or treat with friends.
- Only go to houses in your neighborhood.
- Never talk to strangers and never get into a car with a stranger.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Have your parents check all treats before eating.
- Trick-or-treat while it’s still light. If it’s dark, make sure someone has a flashlight and pick well-lighted streets.

## Reporting Criminal/Suspicious Activity

*Questions, Comments or Concerns,  
Please give us a call.*

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